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Historic Link-Up As U.S. And Red Armies Meet Near Dresden

BERLIN'S LAST HOURS: RUSSIANS SMASH INTO HUN CAPITAL

East: Red Army tanks are fighting in Berlin, Moscow announced officially, last night, and strongly fortified towns on the outskirts of the city have been captured as the massive Russian forces storm on towards the city center.

Sixteen Soviet armies, including four tank armies—at least 1,500,000 men—are closing around the city a ring of fire and steel. The battle is the fiercest ever fought on the Eastern front.

One Russian column striking ahead in startling fashion has already outflanked the capital, by-passing it to the south and reaching a point 13 miles south-west of the city's outskirts.

"The enemy has reached Berlin proper," the German Radio admitted last night, adding that Russian tank spearheads had got to Weissensee-Pankow, in the north-east of the city. "The capital proper is in the fighting zone now."

Link-Up: The eagerly awaited news that Russian and U.S. forces have linked up and cut the Third Reich in two reached London last night.

Paris Radio reported that the historic meeting had taken place in the Dresden area, while Brussels Radio declared that the Red Army had entered the great central German city and had met American units there.

Earlier spearheads of the U.S. 9th Army had been warned to be ready for a junction with Marshal Koniev's forces, and reconnaissance planes of the 29th Tactical Air Force had observed Russian armoured columns north of Dresden.

Although these radio reports were unconfirmed at Supreme Allied H.Q., all the news suggests that they are well founded. The speed of Russian armoured thrusts to the west in the past 24 hours indicates that the gap between the armies is closed.

With a second U.S.-Russian link-up imminent—this time between Patton and Koniev—Germany will soon be split into large isolated areas waiting to be mopped up.



FEMALE HUN TORTURERS

Some of the S.S. women guards at the Belzen torture camp, whose bestiality and brutality often exceeded that of their male counterparts. They, too, are being compelled at bayonet point to help with the burial of the thousands they have battered to death. See also back page for picture of their victims.

'Twilight Of The Gods'

REICH IN ITS DEATH THROES

FROM Nazi Germany itself and from the neutral countries still in contact with it, this week-end came this story of the last terrific hours of Hitler's Third Reich, the State that was to have lived "a thousand years."

Hitler's immediate menaced, the retreat to Hitler's "inner bastion" is now in full swing. Twelve divisions are already in the "bastion," according to reliable information reaching Switzerland, while 21 more from Bavaria and Wurttemberg are moving in.

All of them are elite troops, mostly S.S. and similar units. In Berlin, says the Berlin correspondent of the Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau, quoted by the Stockholm newspaper "Expressen," the authorities have ordered warehouses and shops to distribute all their stocks of clothing, boots and shoes to the people.

Food Shortage Feared
Many of the bigger firms are reported to have paid their employees several months' wages in advance.

The German Overseas Agency, Berlin correspondent admitted yesterday that the main fear of the Berliners was that there would be a food shortage. "In several public squares soup kitchens are being set up. All preparations are being made for communal feeding."

The authorities say that stocks will be adequate even for a prolonged siege. They are considering suggestions that all women, children and old people should be evacuated.

"Another headache is the problem of the water supply. It is necessary to cut the electric current, water supplies would stop"—B.U.P.

Final Phase Of Battle For Burma

From MICHAEL McDONAGH, Reuter's Special Correspondent
Advanced H.Q. Aizawa, Saturday.

THE 14th Army's advance against the Japanese in South Burma, the black-out on which was lifted yesterday, is meeting with complete success.

Troops also are meeting with considerable success. The capture of Seikpu is a further consolidation of the 14th Army's direct threat to the Burma oil fields. The troops in this area, which is at the extreme western end of the front, are meeting stiff opposition in a country of low desert.

By clearing Mountpoo, east of the oil area and well behind the present line of the 14th Army's advance, important lines of communication hitherto denied by the Japanese have been opened up. It is officially announced, however, that these

NEW FIRE-BOMBS STARTED JAP PEACE MOVE

All Tokyo Will Be Wiped Out In Ten Weeks

Through the bomb-load dropped on Japanese cities is comparatively small, reconnaissance photographs show conclusively that the bombing is far more effective than that on German cities.

This is presumably due to inadequate fire-fighting defenses in the closely packed and flimsy Japanese cities.

More than a third of Tokyo proper has been destroyed already—and that includes modern parts of the city built after the great earthquake and fire of 1923.

Air Force headquarters report that 32 square miles of Tokyo proper has been utterly ruined, together with 23 per cent of Kobe, 20 per cent of Osaka and 10 per cent of Nagoya, where the great Mitsubishi aircraft works are situated.

The fantastic thing about the whole air campaign is that the incendiary raids only began last month.

Casualties cannot even be guessed, but some authorities estimate that between 20,000 and 60,000 people were packed into the 32 square miles of Tokyo that has been burned out so far.

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Final Okinawa Drive Begun
From WILLIAM HARDCASTLE, Reuter's Special Correspondent.

SURVEILLED by American bombers, 45,000 American troops have begun the all-out frontal assault on the southern defence ring of Okinawa Island.

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COMMUNIQUE

How The Red Army Got There

THE historic Moscow communique announcing that the Red Army had reached Berlin stated:

On April 21 the Central Group of the Soviet troops continued to wage offensive fighting west of the rivers Oder and Neisse.

As a result of these battles, Soviet troops occupied in the Dresden direction the towns of Calau, Luckau, Neuvoritz, Senftenberg, Lautewitz, Kamenz and Bautzen, and fought into the town of Koennigsbrunn.

West of the river Oder Soviet troops occupied the towns of Bernau, Werneuchen, Strassow, Alt-Landach, Backow, Muencheberg, Herzberge, Fahren and Ragen, to engage the enemy in fighting in the suburbs of Berlin.

On Austrian territory north of Vienna troops of the Second Ukrainian Front fought their way into a number of inhabited localities.

At the same time on Czechoslovak territory south-east of Prague, troops of the 1st Czechoslovak Front occupied the town of Warchitz.

During April 20 on all sectors of the front our troops disabled or destroyed 120 enemy tanks and self-propelled guns and shot down 160 enemy aircraft.

Soviet heavy bombers during the night of 20 to 21 carried out a massed raid on military objectives in the German Reich where three were caused accompanied by violent explosions.

Strausberg is 10 miles east of Berlin outskirts. Alt-Landach 4 miles and Buckow 16 miles west of the city's outskirts, and Herzberge 4 miles east.

Bernau is four miles north-east of the capital's outskirts on the Berlin-Stettin railway, and Werneuchen is eight miles north-east of the outskirts.

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Nazi Mourn Down By Canadians

"SUICIDE" WAVES OF FANATICS

From CHARLES LYNCH With the 1st Canadian Army, Saturday.

CANADIAN infantrymen are moving down "suicide waves" of German fanatical troops attacking Allied positions west of Oldenburg.

Wary from loading, firing, reloading and firing, the Canadians can see hundreds of German dead in front of them.

Yet the counter-attacks continue as the Germans charge across open fields in the breast.

These are young Germans, soldiers and paratroopers, fighting under command of the 2nd German Parachute Corps, which has major to keep the Allies away from the Cuxhaven peninsula and Norman ports.

The main counter-attacks are against the Canadian bridgedown on the Kusteren canal six miles west of Oldenburg. Each new attack is met by heavy fire from German guns, and the bridgedown continues to expand slowly.

"Absolutely fanatical" is the description given the German attacking troops. They seem to be obeying to the very letter Hitler's order to fight and die to the last man.

Meanwhile more men and materials are pouring into the Canadian bridgedown, which presents a major threat to Oldenburg to the east and to Wilhelmshaven to the west.

At one point where forward troops have reached the main bridgehead, the German forces have blasted a crater so large that a bridgedown must be established across it by an air force.

The German 2nd Parachute Corps has been charged with the defence of the whole area between the rivers Ems and Weser, and the German paratroopers have appeared in the battle line to support naval personnel who have been fighting fiercely for a week.—Reuter.

SOVIET-POLISH TREATY SIGNED

A treaty of friendship and mutual assistance between the U.S.S.R. and Poland was signed in Moscow last evening, said Lublin Radio last night.

The announcement was preceded by the words "Attention—important news."

Goering Finds Island Sanctuary

Goering is on the island of Reichenau on Lake Constance, say reports of the Swiss frontier guard by British United Press.

The City Of Despair

FOR the first time the German Radio on the only wavelength left to it brought home to its listeners last night the seriousness of the situation in Berlin.

"The battle for Berlin has begun in earnest. It will be a very hard and grim struggle. Members of the Wehrmacht and the S.S. from all parts of the German Reich have been called in to defend the city."

"Germans must realize that they are not defending the ruins that are now Berlin but the past glory that was Berlin," said one reporter.

"The capital must be defended to the last man, said another.

A woman from Eastern Berlin was brought to the microphone. She told of grenades and shells landing in her district.

"She said that many people who were sheltering with her had been asking when the war would end, but she was going to stay."

She said that for these people food and sleep had become their only concern.

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New Clue To Missing Allied Airmen's Fate

Nuremberg, Saturday. WHAT may prove a clue to hundreds of mysteries about the fate of Allied airmen who have only been reported missing over Germany has turned up at Buchenwald, near Nuremberg.

It is the discovery of a recording centre for which Allied airmen brought down over Germany, containing a master index file mentioning more than 45,000 men. The last entry was on April 7.

The master file is quite complete. Each airman is recorded on a separate card, with his number and detailed data.

Bushels of rings, watches and identity tags removed from the files and ready for removal, belonging from a neighbouring camp where there were 400 prisoners.

An Allied military government officer assigned to unravel the files and ready for removal, belonging from a neighbouring camp where there were 400 prisoners.

Afterwards Mr. Eden said the talk had been very useful, and they reached the complete agreement on all points.—B.U.P.

MURDER ON RAILWAY STATION Alleged

A middle-aged man was seen to fall from the platform at West Croydon (Southern Railway) Station yesterday in front of an incoming train. He was killed instantly.

He was identified as Ronald Loundale, 60, Derby-rd., Croydon. Later a man who had been with him on the platform was detained by the police. He was subsequently released, but it was said that he would appear at Croydon tomorrow.

My goodness—

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Germans Flee Across The Plain

BOLGNA FEAR DOUBLED

ALLIED ASSAULT

From DESMOND TIGHE, Reuter's Special Correspondent
Allied H.Q., Italy, Saturday Night.

BOLGNA, historic city which the Germans had turned into a fortress to guard the fertile Po Valley, was captured today in a converging assault by the Fifth and Eighth Armies.

'Election By Early Summer'

MR. RALPH ASHTEON, M.P., chairman of the Conservative Party, warned Conservatives yesterday to be ready for a General Election "by the early summer."

Mr. Ashteton, speaking at a party meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne, said that no would-be Conservative Mr. Churchill for his intention of forming a Government composed of the best man of any or no party willing to serve. The party was ready to support such a Government.

Forecast of the tasks which would face the new Parliament were bringing final victory in the East, building the peace and restoring the peace and rebuilding the East, building the peace and restoring the peace and rebuilding the East.

Leaders of the other political parties were also to make election promises in their addresses were to make election promises in their addresses were to make election promises in their addresses.

Mr. Hugh Dalton (Lab.), President of the Board of Trade, at Cardiff.

If there is to be full employment in peace, no party will be able to ignore the need for time. Free enterprise had failed to provide work or a decent standard of living.

Unless the British Commonwealth, the United States and Soviet Russia were all in the new world organization from the start, it was not worth forming. There must be one and the same.

Mr. Sir William Beveridge, leader of the Liberal Party's general election campaign, at Manchester.

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GERMAN GETS HIS OLD JOB BACK

Wiesbaden, Saturday.

THIS city, relatively intact after Allied bombing and shelling, celebrated Hitler's birthday yesterday by restoring to office Lord von Goette Krucke, sixty, the city's chosen mayor, who was kicked out of office by the Nazis when they took over Germany in 1933.

Krucke told Allied Military Government officers that he "fully realized the responsibility and problems, but he hoped through close co-operation with the American authorities to serve his community well, and at least make a start towards the complete rehabilitation of the city—A.P.

V.C. To Oppose Ernest Bevin

Brigadier J. G. Smyth, V.C. (Conservative) will oppose Ernest Bevin in the Wandsworth Central Division at the General Election.

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THE END OF THEIR AGONY

Nazi Fuel Feeds Allied Advance

RUHR WORKING FOR US

THE wheels of the great German Ruhr coal industry are slowly beginning to turn again—but this time they are turning for the Allies.

I have just watched the first trainloads of coal taken from the mines since the Allied occupation steaming out to a destination—which I cannot reveal—to play their part in the Allied war effort.

Their number will increase every day, the exact tonnage depending on the success of the small body of British and U.S. military officials who are now running what is probably the biggest single industrial enterprise in the whole of Europe.

They are the chiefs of the Rhine Coal Control—an Anglo-U.S. body of experts, representatives of the smaller Allied Powers—which is responsible for more than 300 mines. Before the war these mines turned out more than 120,000,000 tons of coal a year. The price of this coal was about 100 times as high in any repatriation figure.

In the central control room of this organization, surrounded by maps and charts, I saw how the life is being again breathing into the Ruhr. I learned some of its workings from Lieut-Col. B. W. Rowe, M.C., and the U.S. Col. R. Kerr, chief of the whole outfit.

Colonel Rowe is a tall, M.C., and was in the War Office for five years before the war. He was responsible for the considerable "Q" planning on Combined Operations. He is now in the Ruhr, and set up the famous "D" plan, which is now the basis of the Ruhr's recovery. He is now in the Ruhr, and set up the famous "D" plan, which is now the basis of the Ruhr's recovery.

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WORLD DELEGATES POURING INTO 'FRISCO

From STANLEY BURCH, Reuter's Special Correspondent
San Francisco, Saturday.

THOUSANDS of delegates and newspapermen are flooding into San Francisco for the World Security Conference which opens here on Wednesday. It is the first time since the end of World War II that the formation of a new and powerful League of Nations.

Special trains and giant planes are bringing in delegates from all parts of the world.

Special services of interpretation for world delegates are being provided in the churches, and the giant Cross of the Mount Davidson, highest point in this city of hills, will be illuminated each night for the first week of the talks.

The conference will be covered by the biggest corps of newspaper correspondents ever assembled on one story. From the U.S. alone, more than 1,000 of them, representing more than 1,500 newspapers.

The Truman administration is planning to explain the discussions, proposals and decisions of the conference in a vast educational drive.

The parade, prepared with the assistance of the State Department, is circulating in every town and hamlet. It is the last detail how workers for "peace" are mobilizing the army and the San Francisco population.

Haunted by the spectre of "1919," the same old story, all in its power to see that America's foreign policy is not a mere reaction to the war by retreating into isolation.

ADVERTISERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD FACTS

Nourishing High Tea and SUPPER

There's a real art in serving the right sort of last meal, whether it's High Tea or Supper, especially in wartime. It should be well-balanced, satisfying but not stodgy, and sufficiently nourishing to repair the day's wear and tear on nerves and tissues. It should include either a raw salad or correctly cooked vegetable dish, and one of the body-building foods: cheese, eggs, bacon, meat or fish. It should be served in a pleasant atmosphere.

Here are some High Tea and Supper recipes which will win on all counts. Try them and see how well they go down.

A COMPLETE MEAL
Salmon Savoury, Watercress & Herbed Salad, Bread, Margarine, Jam or Marmalade.